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Mr. Jim Lynch
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Senator Rick Laible
Senator Jim Shockley
Representative Bob Lake
Representative Gary MacLaren
Representative Ron Stoker
Montana State Capitol
1301 East 6th Avenue
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Gentlemen:

GlaxoSmithKline would like to request that the Montana Department of Transportation provide \$35,000.00 in funding to the Missoula Ravalli Transport Management Association (MRTMA) to purchase a van for the Vanpool Program.

The Vanpool Program is a tremendous success. GlaxoSmithKline employees are already using a van between Hamilton and Missoula. The problem is there are over 110 people on the wait list at the MRTMA office. Not all of them work for GlaxoSmithKline, but that's over 1000 cars a week we can get off Highway 93 between Missoula and Hamilton.

We realize there is not enough funding for all these people, but we were told by MRTMA there is still funding in the JARC grant fund. If not this program, do you have another source for funding? We would like to work with you to somehow find the money to increase service in the Bitterroot Valley.

GlaxoSmithKline has invested over \$200 million in our new facility and we are committed to reducing the impact our presence has on the environment. At the same time, we believe we provide some of the best jobs in the state for citizens who live in the Bitterroot Valley. GlaxoSmithKline provides full compensation to employees who use the Vanpool Program. We can not think of a better win /win program for the local economy - cleaner environment, less congestion, and workers who see the private and public sector working to improve our quality of life!

Your agency, the MRTMA, and the legislative delegation representing the Bitterroot Valley deserve huge kudos for the success of this program. The leadership it takes at all levels to make this program succeed is appreciated and I hope we can find a way to purchase a new van for the Missoula Ravalli Transport Management Association.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Covarrubias', written over a horizontal line.

Michael Covarrubias
Site Director

cc: Governor Brian Schweitzer
Missoula Ravalli Transport Management Association
✓ Ravalli County Commissioners